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FINDING ADVENTURE THROUGH NATURE

A story of some busy young naturalists

The British Junior Naturalists' Association, founded four years ago, has as its motto, Adventure Through Nature. The members are interested in all branches of Natural History, from beetles and butterflies to nature photography or collecting animals' skulls. Their numbers are now well over 3,000 and growing at the rate of several hundred a month. Here we give some account of their activities.

THE JUNIOR NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION has now opened its first junior field centre and completed its first year of work, with 250 young people attending its courses. Called The Holt, after the name of an otter's lair, the field centre is at the village of Hutton Buscel, on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, and six miles from Scarborough.

The Association bought it for £1,250. It was formerly the vicarage, but it was in a sad state,

a building riddled with dry rot and with no ceiling at all to one of its seventeen rooms. Over £600 was spent on renovations and repairs, and members of the Association gave hundreds of hours of their spare time to the job of decoration. Today it has comfortable accommodation for up to 50 people.

Mr. Geoffrey G. Watson, curator of Wood End Natural History Museum at Scarborough, is the founder of the Association which grew out of gatherings of young people at his museum on Saturday mornings. Eventually there was a company of over 300.

Midnight explorations

Expeditions have been planned to the remote island of Eigg, in the Inner Hebrides. There have been midnight explorations, members finding their way simply by the stars or by compass, and eating wild fruits and carefully selected fungi.

An identification bureau has been started. One small boy sent in a boiled egg, which, when opened, had been found to contain something which looked to



A word of advice from Mr. Geoffrey Watson



Finding marine creatures in the sands at Scarborough

IT'S A BIG WORLD



This magnificent mosaic globe stands in the grounds of a secondary school in the little Arab State of Kuwait, on the Persian Gulf. Though largely desert, Kuwait is immensely rich in oil and the profits from it are transforming the country into one with modern houses, schools and hospitals. (Photograph by Adolf Morath)

him like a baby crocodile. The bureau was able to reassure him that it was simply a badly formed embryo chicken.

Advice is often given, too, to the owners of pets. This has included the best way of helping a sick rabbit and a diet for an injured kestrel. Many wild creatures, particularly sea birds, covered in ship's oil, have received attention.

Merit awards range from that of Junior Naturalist (for youngsters of 10 years) to Specialist (12 to 13 years), and there is a diploma which can be earned by the over-15's. One of the tests for this is a study, lasting at least four months, of the plant and animal inhabitants of wall, tree, home, fence, or one square foot of ground.

Mr. Watson says that the countryside can be a much more friendly place for those who are willing to learn all they can about it. And there can be no doubt that his enthusiastic band of young naturalists thoroughly agree.

Uncle Sam foots a big bill in Britain

The enormous sums of money spent on the families of American forces stationed overseas has been worrying the U.S. Government for some time. And now President Eisenhower has ordered that the total of some 480,000 dependents of American servicemen living abroad must be cut gradually by about half.

The cost of maintaining the U.S. forces in Britain alone is quite remarkable, as can be seen by some figures published recently.

In one Norfolk village which is close to a large U.S. base, it is estimated that the servicemen and the 5,000 members of their families spend about £100,000 every week.

For all Britain, in the year

ended 30th June last, the bill was about £74,000,000. Of this, nearly £21,000,000 was spent by the Servicemen and their families on day-to-day purchases, rent, holiday travel, and so on. Of the rest, £27,600,000 was paid to various branches of the British Government for supplies and services, and £17,500,000 to the Air Ministry—which included some £2,500,000 earned by British workers on American bases.

Stores and canteens spent about £8,000,000 on British products subsequently sold to American Servicemen. Other items in the total bill were £554,000 for G.P.O. services, and £52,000 to British Railways.

Quite at home in the station

Many people like living near a station. Mr. Walter Page, a railway employee, who is shortly to retire, proposes to live in a station—the disused one at Ormesby in Norfolk.

It is in a delightful spot, close to the Broads and the sea, and Mr. Page intends to make a sunken garden between the platforms, and convert the waiting-rooms and porter's room into living rooms and kitchen.

HOUSE OF THANKS

Norway has just given a handsome new house to Sweden as a gesture of thanks for help received during and after the German occupation.

Built among the forest-covered heights just outside Oslo, Norway's capital, the house has a splendid view of the Oslo fjord and will be used chiefly as a home for visiting Swedish scientists and students.

KNOTTY PROBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

Arrangements are being made for another conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, the second within a year, to take place in London next Spring.

Since the last conference in May this year there has been one important development: South Africa has decided to become a republic.

FIRST of all, let us be quite clear what a republic is. The term is derived from the Latin words *res*, meaning a thing or affair, and *publicus*, which means public. A republic is literally "the affair of the people". It is a State governed by elected representatives of the people from top to bottom. In a monarchy the head of the State is an hereditary king or queen. (But Malaya has an elected monarch).

The decision of South Africans to change their form of government after 50 years under the British Crown raises a delicate problem. The question simply is whether, on becoming a republic next May, it will be possible for South Africa to remain a member of the Commonwealth alongside the other ten "partners."

Precedents

A straight decision to take republican status, leave the Commonwealth and become more or less a "foreign country," perhaps with special economic ties, would present no difficulty. There are precedents for this in the case of Burma and the Irish Republic (Southern Ireland) which left the Commonwealth in 1948 and 1949.

Nor, all things being equal, would there be any trouble about South Africa's remaining in the Commonwealth as a republic. This status was achieved by India

in 1950 and by Pakistan in 1956. Soon we may see Ceylon taking a similar course without much opposition from the rest of the Commonwealth.

But South Africa is regarded as a special case. Its present Government, headed by Dr. Verwoerd, believes in the segregation, or separation, of dark-skinned people from the whites. This policy is called *apartheid*, or apart-hood, an Afrikaans or Dutch-Boer word. (The original settlement of the Cape of Good Hope was set up by the Dutch East India Company in 1652; the Boers or Afrikaans are descended from those early settlers).

British influence in South Africa dates from 1814. Today, the white population of English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking citizens totals some three million. But there are about ten million Bantu Africans. There are also about 1,300,000 "coloureds." These are Cape Malays and the descendants of slaves from the east and of the now almost extinct Hottentots, with a strong blend of Dutch blood. Finally, there are half-a-million Asians, chiefly of Indian descent.

Most of these non-whites have no say in the government of the country. They were excluded from the recent referendum. Many of the 48 per cent. of whites who

voted against republican status are of British descent.

The question of whether South Africa is to remain in the Commonwealth "family" now arises in an acute form because, for the first time, nations not of British stock hold a majority in the Prime Ministers' conference.

There are six Afro-Asian members—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and Malaya representing Asia, and Ghana (the former Gold Coast Colony) and Nigeria representing Africa. South Africa is the only country among the five "white" partners which is governed by a white minority, but, of course, it has more non-whites than either Britain, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.

Exerting their influence

In general the Afro-Asian members would be opposed to the continuing membership of South Africa. But an argument often heard is that a country is not the same thing as the Government which temporarily governs it under the Western democratic system. A government may change, but the country goes on.

Another argument is that if South Africa is allowed to retain her membership the other partners will, at least, be able to exert their influence to ensure some better treatment for the non-white population. Whereas the non-whites might feel deserted if South Africa became a foreign country.

It is indeed a knotty problem, perhaps the most difficult that the Commonwealth has ever had.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

With its new engine, the American rocket aircraft X-15 is expected to reach a speed of 4,000 m.p.h. and heights of between 50 and 100 miles.

Hundreds of cats of all kinds will be at Olympia next Saturday for the National Cat Club's Championship Show.

The National Book League's touring exhibition, *500 Books for Children*, is on view until 6th January at 7 Albemarle Street, London, W.1.

Armful of good examples



A worker at G.P.O. Headquarters, London, with an armful of parcels from good folk who really have posted "Early for Christmas".

IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

A South Australian farmer found a nest containing three young starlings in the thick wool growing on the back of one of his merino sheep.

Mr. Feather judged a recent Irish cage bird show, and Mr. Eagle won a prize.

A cinema in Chislehurst, Kent, is to be converted into a church.

FLYING CARPETS

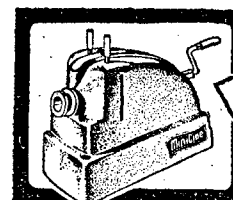
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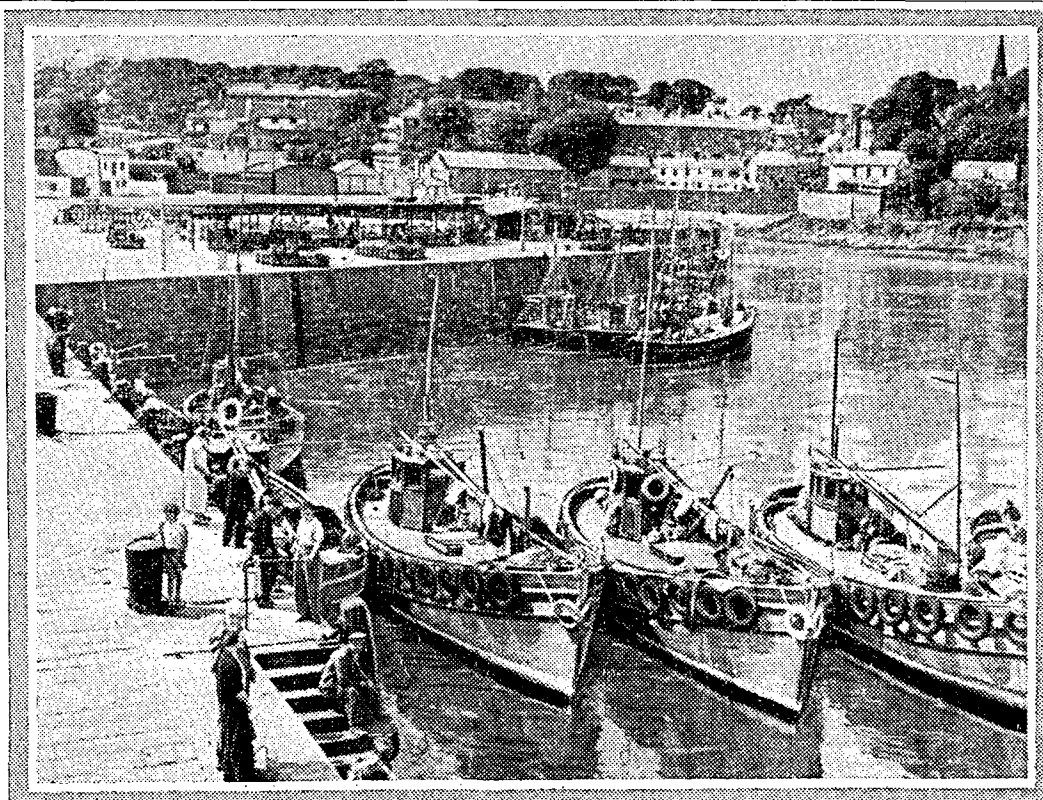
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OUR HOMELAND

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UP THE POLE



With a bucket of water balancing a gallon pot of paint, this worker is cleaning and repainting the flagpole on top of the National Gallery, London.

One cake, 9,500 slices

After the U.S. Presidential election a society in Evansville, Indiana, ordered an iced cake 38 feet long, 8 feet wide, 12 feet high, and weighing 12,000 pounds. Then 9,500 Democrats and Republicans were invited to the town stadium to have a slice from the giant cake and forget their political differences.

WEATHER SHIPS SAVE LIVES

Nine people were rescued during 1959 by the weather ships stationed in the North Atlantic, according to a recent report by the International Civil Aviation Organisation. The ships also answered 47 calls for medical assistance, received 10 distress signals from aircraft and 574 from ships.

These weather ships form a network of nine stations at various points in the North Atlantic, and record meteorological observations which are transmitted to land stations, to assist aircraft flying between Europe and North America.

The network is maintained by 18 countries. The United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, France, Norway, combining with Sweden and the Netherlands, provide the ships while the others—Australia, Ireland, Denmark, Italy, Belgium, Israel, Iceland, Federal Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and Venezuela—contribute towards the cost.

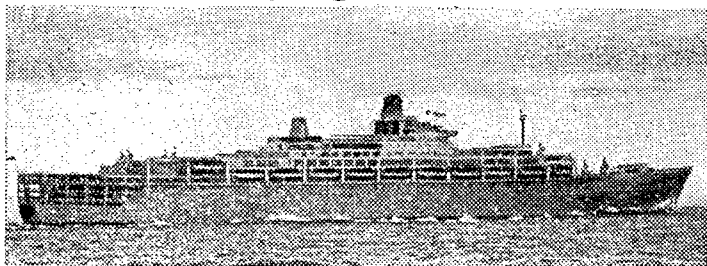
FULL CRY

A staff car belonging to the Sheffield steelmaking firm of Samuel Fox and Company has the registration number FOX 1. The well-known huntsman, the Duke of Beaufort, has a car with the number MFH 1. In a letter to *The Times*, an official of the firm has asked: "May I be assured that, should we happen to meet his Grace on the road, no unseemly incident will occur?"

Hans Andersen Medal

The well-known German writer Erich Kastner has been awarded the Hans Christian Andersen Medal by the International Board on Books for Young People. His best known book is *Emil and the Detectives*, which also won great success as a film.

Maiden voyage of 14 weeks



A fine new liner is due to begin her maiden voyage on Saturday. She is the 42,500-ton *Oriana*, built for the P. and O.-Orient Line at a cost of £14,000,000.

She will sail from the splendid new passenger terminal at Southampton and be away for about 14 weeks. After reaching Sydney, *Oriana* will make a short Pacific cruise and then go on to New Zealand, Suva (Fiji), Honolulu (Hawaii), and the west coast of North America. She will return by the same route to Southampton. From then onwards she will carry on her normal duties, sailing between Southampton and Sydney with more than 2,000 passengers.

In the picture on the left we see one of the ship's three main anchors, each weighing more than seven tons.

Advertiser's announcement

PART SIX OF THE SERIAL EVERYONE'S READING

MR. THERM'S TIME ROCKET

Issued by the Gas Council.

Mr. Therm has been taking Bill and his sister Pat on a tour through history in his Time Rocket.

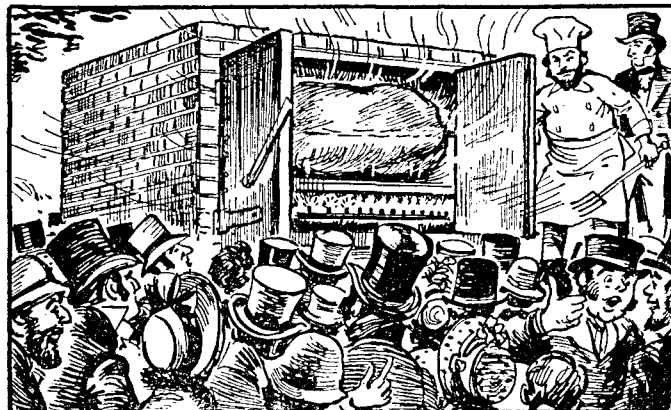
THERE was no longer any need for Mr. Therm to hurry the children into the Time Rocket any more. They were having such a wonderful time they could hardly wait to see where Mr. Therm was going to take them to next.

"No one'll ever believe what a super time we're having," said Bill.

"Don't be silly, of course they will," said Pat, "what are we going to do today, Mr. Therm?"

"Today—well, we're going to see an ox being roasted first of all."

"Goodness, how super," cried Bill, "d'you know I've never seen that before, though I'm always reading about it. Will they let us eat some?"



"That depends," twinkled Mr. Therm, "you'll have to ask Monsieur Soyer."

"Soyer," said Pat, "that sounds French." She was rather pleased with her French accent, and she loved French lessons at school.

"Yes, Soyer was a Frenchman," agreed Mr. Therm. "He was a very famous cook from Paris who came to England. But come along, let's go and see for ourselves."

The children were already strapped into their seats, and Mr. Therm quickly started the powerful rockets, and with a whoosh and a faint shudder they were off.

They came down into a great field absolutely packed with people, all shouting and cheering. In two corners brass bands puffed and thumped their tuneful way through popular airs. The centre of all this attention was a large brick oven, in which they could see an ox turning slowly as he was roasted.

NEARBY stood a man who was unmistakably Soyer, big and jolly and with that air of being above the common run of humanity that great cooks always seem to have.

"Where are we?" asked Bill.

"And when are we?" chimed in Pat.

"We're at Exeter," answered Mr. Therm, "and it's 1850. Now I want you to look at that oven. It's heated by 216 jets of gas... mind you, that ox weighs 535 lb., so we need all the heat we can get to roast it."

"I didn't know they had gas cooking then," Mr. Therm, said Bill.

"Oh, indeed yes," said Mr. Therm, "the first cooker—mind you, it didn't look anything like that lovely gas cooker that your mother uses in her kitchen today—was made in 1824."

"Did that man we met the other day, Mr. Murdoch, who invented gas lighting, did he invent gas cooking as well, Mr. Therm?" asked Pat, who was very interested in this subject as her mother was always telling her how gas was best for cooking.

"No," said Mr. Therm, "surprisingly enough, Murdoch never really thought about gas for heating. But it was when people like Soyer started cooking on a large scale with gas that people realised the days of drudgery with fires might soon be over."

"Where did, does rather, Soyer cook with gas then?" asked Bill, "or does he just go round England roasting oxen?"

OUR GREAT COMPETITION... AND THE FIRST WINNERS!

If you rearrange these jumbled letters... KOCO... you will find they spell a word in the story above. When you have discovered what it is, explain in your own way (on a postcard, please, and in not more than fifty words!) what you think this word has to do with gas.

Add your full name, address and age, then post the card to: Mr. Therm's Time Rocket Competition No. 6, Children's Newspaper, 3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.). Mr. Therm will award £2 2s. Book Tokens for the three best entries he receives by Friday, 9th December; neatness and age will be taken into account in the judging.

They've met the inventor of gas lighting, been down a mine, even seen a dinosaur...

"Indeed no," said Mr. Therm, "he's the chef at the Reform Club, you know, where Phileas Fogg struck the wager that he'd go round the world in eighty days. Soyer's gas kitchen there is the wonder of London."

The children watched the gay throng for a while, and then Mr. Therm ushered them back into the Time Rocket.

"Now where shall we go?" said Mr. Therm.

"Forward!" said Bill.

"Back!" cried Pat at the same time.

"It sounds like Horatius at the bridge!" laughed Mr. Therm. "I think I'll make it a surprise."

When the rocket landed again, it was quite a different scene from the one they'd left.

They were somewhere in the lonely countryside, and a great yellow stagecoach was standing there, two of its wheels sunk as far as the axles into mud. The coachman and the guard were both trying to cajole more effort from the four great horses between the shafts, and the air was loud with oaths, whip cracks, and grumbling from the passengers. There was a nip of frost in the air, and the skies were black and ominous.

"Oh, a stagecoach!" said Bill, with high delight.

"Yes, this coach is the Exeter Fly," replied Mr. Therm, "it does the journey from the Bull and Gate Tavern in Aldersgate to Exeter in three days—fast work for that time!"

"Who's that man?" said Pat suddenly, pointing to a sober-looking middle-aged man who had dismounted from his pony, and was watching the scene.

"That's John McAdam," explained Mr. Therm. "He's the great road-builder, the man who was responsible for making English roads passable in all weathers."

Before he started his work, most of the roads—even the main roads—were little better than tracks, and you got this sort of situation all the time.

"It seems unbelievable when you think of all our super roads today that they used to be like this."

"I know," said Mr. Therm, "but it's thanks to men like McAdam that we have good roads now, and of course, though I shouldn't say this, I take some of the credit for myself!"

"Oh Mr. Therm," cried the children, "that's nice. How is that, though?"

"Well," explained Mr. Therm, "McAdam's roads were made up of loose stones closely packed, and with the coming of coal tar, which you get when gas is made in the gasworks, you pour this tar over the stones, and get a lovely firm road. If it hadn't been for gas, we should never have had such good roads as we have today."

"What's Mr. McAdam doing here," asked Pat suddenly. "Oh, he always travelled with a pony behind his own carriage," said Mr. Therm, "and he liked to see as many of the roads and byways as possible."

They watched for a few moments.

"What are we going to see next?" asked Bill.

"Wait and see!" smiled Mr. Therm.

MORE NEXT WEEK!



GAS IS BEST FOR COOKING

ALL SET FOR THEIR TRIP TO MARS

BIGGER and better space ships, and a Martian landscape built in the ABC Television studios at Teddington, are promised for *Pathfinders to Mars*, I.T.V.'s new Sunday afternoon serial beginning on 11th December.

In the previous space adventure, you may remember, the Wedgwood family not only got to the Moon, but eventually returned to Earth after a dramatic ship-to-ship rescue in outer space.

This time, I hear, they arrive at Mars unexpectedly! Designer David Gillespie tells me the space suits will be the genuine article, copied from the protective clothing used at the Harwell Atomic Research Laboratory. My picture shows Stewart Guidotti (14) as Geoff Wedgwood, with 12-year-old Hester Cameron, as Margaret Henderson, Geoff's cousin.



Hamlet the hamster is in the passenger list again.

The costumes worn by Stewart and Margaret are made of plastic quilting. The helmets are a new pattern. According to Designer Gillespie, they could actually be used in the airless deserts of Mars.

Noddy is a favourite all over the world

Boys and girls in Thailand are enjoying the A.T.V. film series, *The Adventures of Noddy*, based on the Enid Blyton stories.

Giving me this news, Val Parnell, A.T.V.'s Managing Director, said: "Noddy is also a children's TV favourite in Finland, Cyprus, Hong Kong and Nigeria." He

adds that Finland's Helsinki station has bought 14 A.T.V. series altogether.

As Finnish TV programmes can be picked up very easily in the Soviet Union," says Mr. Parnell, "you can take it as certain that quite a few Soviet viewers are enjoying these British adventure series."

Perplexed Parents



Anxious Aunts



Sighing Sisters



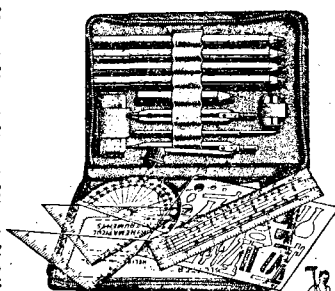
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Producer Joan Kemp-Welch says: "This is an experimental programme—a real opportunity to put a few ideas we have into practice. We do not want to say more than that."

I can tell you, though, that the scheme is to change the settings by electrical means instead of with scenery. Verses will be read, and their mood will be reflected by alterations of lighting and sound echoes.

An Associated-Rediffusion spokesman told me: "If it works, there may be important developments. We are keeping our fingers crossed!"

Three directors at work

IF you watch B.B.C. Junior TV's *Film Club*, you may have fancied yourself as a film director. Go a step farther and imagine how you would make a picture of this episode: A young office girl sits on a park bench at lunchtime. A man on the same bench drops off to sleep in the hot sunshine and his hand drops on her handbag. When it is time to go back to the office, she wonders how to remove his hand.

Producer Leonard Chase has put this poser to three people—Alex Macintosh, the compere, a young film actress, and a professional film director. In next Wednesday's (7th December) *Film Club* we shall see how each one has made this into a film sequence.

SEARCHING

A CHANGE of scene does everyone good—even a change from the delightful Kingdom of Rubovia. In next Tuesday's B.B.C. Puppet Theatre production, Gordon Murray will take viewers into the realm of the Arabian Nights stories.

The Magic Tree is about the hair-raising exploits of Abdul, a sandal-maker's son. In his quest for a magic tree he is spurred on by two things—his love of adventure and the knowledge that the failure of his mission would mean losing his head. You can guess which makes him move faster.

Poor Abdul certainly has to leap around, not least when it looks as if all his efforts will be thwarted by angry genii.

Special *Magic Tree* music has been written by Richard Arnell.

On your marks, you sprinters

ARE you a sprinter, or a high jumper? If so, Friday's *Sport on the Spot* in B.B.C. Junior TV is just your programme. Sprinting and high jump are the first sports to be tackled in this new monthly series, which is to alternate with *Junior Sportsview*.

The difference with *Sport on the Spot* is that it will be rather more advanced, being intended for viewers who know something about the sports dealt with. A number of children will be coached in the studio; and they, too, will have specialised in these particular events.

The coach on Friday will be Geoff Dyson, Chief National Coach for the Amateur Athletic Association. Producer Douglas Fleming also hopes to have in the studio Peter Radford, the sprinter who won a Bronze Medal in

the Rome Olympics; Dorothy Shirley, Britain's Silver Medallist high jumper; and Michael Leary, the only man who has jumped nine inches more than his own height.

David Coleman, seen in our picture, introduces the programme from the R.A.F. Indoor Sports Arena at Stanmore.



IRISH HOPES ARE HIGH

FROM the B.B.C. in Belfast I have news that Northern Ireland is making a determined effort to notch a victory in *Top of the Form*. "Ulster schoolchildren have been returning some very bright answers," a B.B.C. official told me.

Recently Dungannon High School for Girls defeated the boys of the Coleraine Academical Institution. In the Light Programme this Thursday they enter the first of the "international" rounds with a match against the girls of Manchester High School.

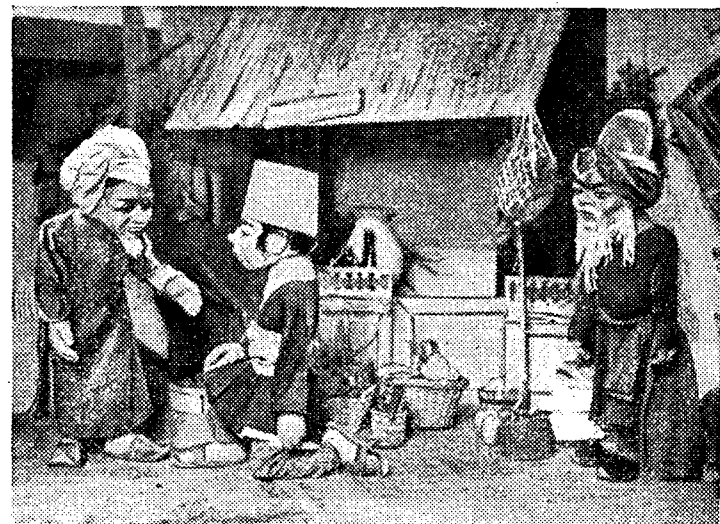
In the past few years Scotland has built up an impressive lead with seven wins. Wales has won three and England two. Northern Ireland are hoping to pull off their first win this season.

Giraffe House is growing

A VERY special *News From The Zoos* comes in B.B.C. Junior TV next Tuesday (6th December). This programme concerns Dudley Zoo, and preparations for it began last year. Manager Donald Risdon thought of television from the moment work began on a grand new Giraffe House. Since then a film cameraman has been taking pictures at regular intervals. Viewers will see how a home for nature's tallest animal grows and grows.

The programme also includes sea lions and a charming little kangaroo presented to the Zoo by Mr. and Mrs. Struggles, who brought it home after a recent tour of Australia. They will be talking to James Fisher about their adventures among the animals.

FOR THE MAGIC TREE



Abdul says goodbye to his father and a friend as he sets off to find the Magic Tree

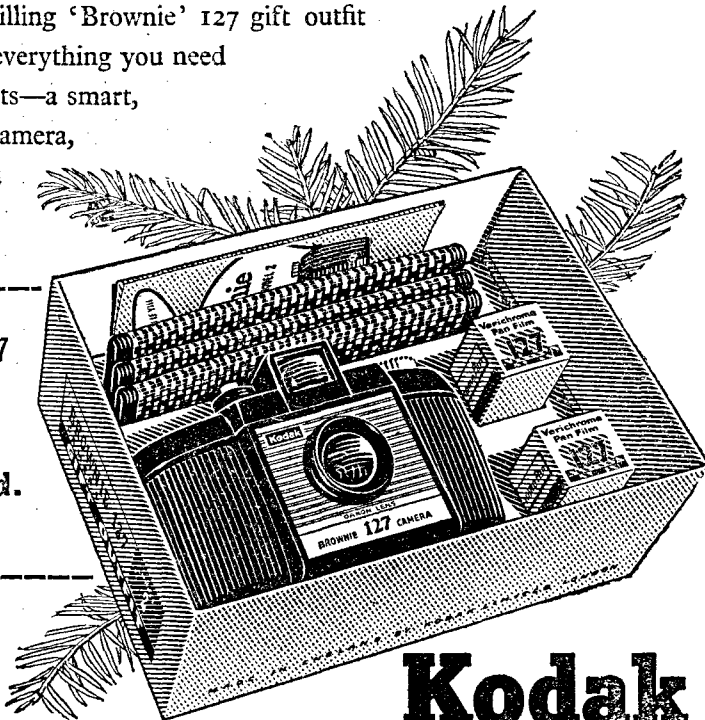
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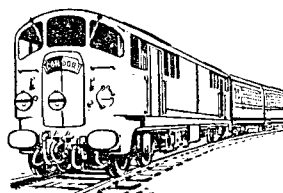
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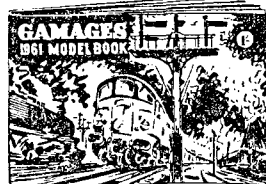
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If you find the three stars which make up Orion's Belt, and follow the line upward, you will come to another bright orange star known as Aldebaran, the "Eye of the Bull." Extend the line still farther, and you will reach what seems at first sight to be a hazy patch. A more careful look shows that the patch is made up of several faint stars, close together in the sky. It is a star-cluster, famous as the Pleiades or "Seven Sisters."

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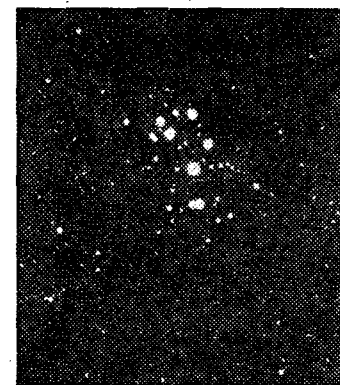
Though the Sisters are not bright, they are quite conspicuous when seen against a dark sky, and will be found without the slightest trouble. It is interesting to note how many stars in the group can be counted without optical aid. Most people can see seven (hence the name of the cluster), a few can glimpse a dozen, while the record is said to be held by a last-century astronomer named Heis, who could see as many as 19.

The Sisters have special names. The leader is Alcyone; then come Electra, Merope, Maia, Taygete, Celaeno, and Asterope. Two others of the group have the names of the father and mother of the sisters, Atlas and Pleione. The latter is particularly interesting; it seems to be variable in brightness, and is spinning on its axis very quickly, so that it is egg-shaped instead of spherical.

Information of this kind is obtained by the use of special instruments. No telescope yet built will

show a star as anything but a point of light, and we certainly cannot see surface details on them, as we can on the Moon and planets. The reason for this is that the stars are very remote. Even the nearest of them (not counting the Sun, of course) lies at a distance of well over 20 million million miles.

When we have to deal with distances of this sort, the mile is too short to be a convenient unit of length, and it is desirable to find something better. Fortunately,



there is a natural unit available. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second, so that in a year it covers a distance of 5,880,000,000,000 miles—almost six million million. This is the distance known to astronomers as the *light-year*.

The Pleiades are so far away that their light takes over 200 years to reach us, so that their distance is more than 200 light-years. If you go out this evening and look at them, you are seeing them not as they are now, but as they used to be at the time when George III became king of England.

The stars of the cluster appear so close together that they almost touch, but this impression is misleading. The diameter of the group is 15 light-years, and each "sister" is many millions of miles away from its nearest neighbour.

If you have a pair of field-glasses, or a small telescope, it is

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well worth while looking at the Pleiades. Instead of between seven and a dozen stars, you will see a great many. The more powerful your telescope, the more stars you will see, and large instruments will reveal several hundreds. The photograph given here was taken with a six-inch refractor, and the characteristic shape of the group is well shown.

Mixed in with the stars of the Pleiades is a luminous *nebula*, made of gas and dust, and shining because it is lit up by the stars. Unfortunately, it is faint, and cannot be seen with small telescopes.

Though the leading stars of the cluster appear dim and cool, they are really very hot, and are much more luminous than our Sun. For all we know, they may have planet-families of their own. Anyone living on such a planet would see a magnificent night-sky, since there would be many stars of great brilliance.

The Pleiades will remain prominent in the south for several months. Other clusters are known, some of which are visible without a telescope, but none can be classed with the "Seven Sisters."

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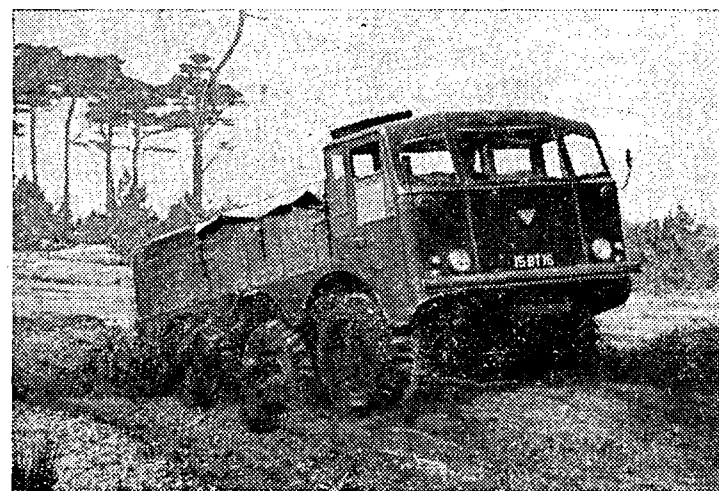
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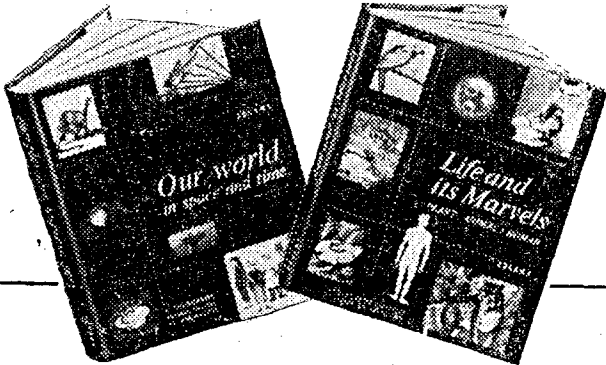
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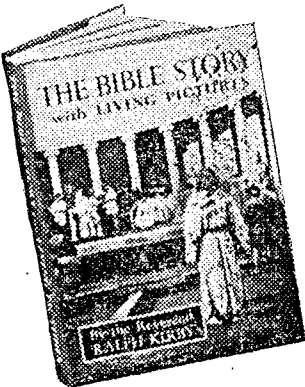
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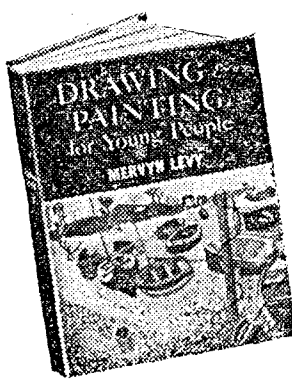
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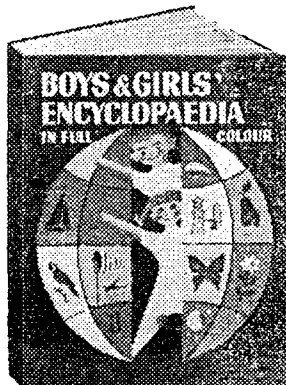
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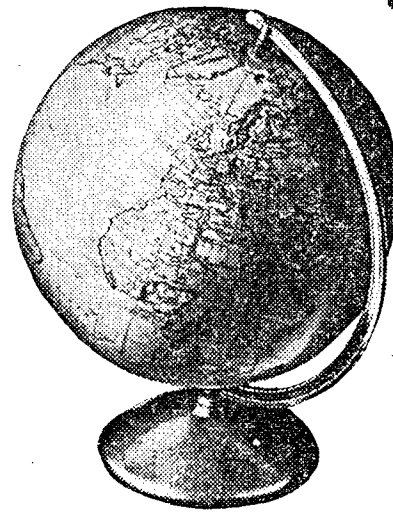


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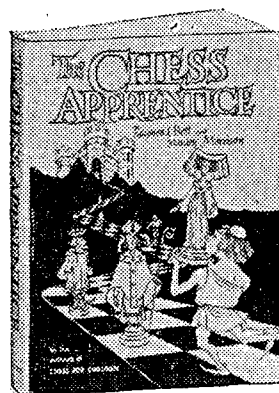
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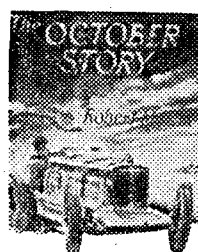
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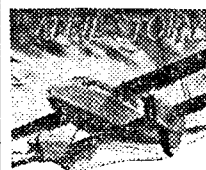
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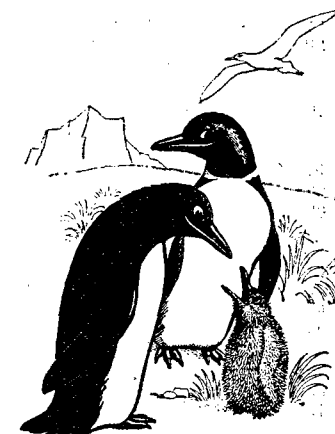
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The Children's Newspaper, 3rd December, 1960

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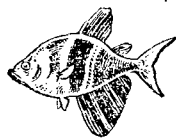
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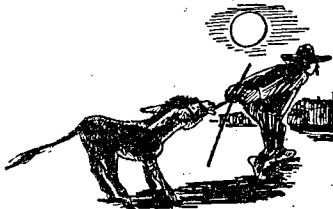
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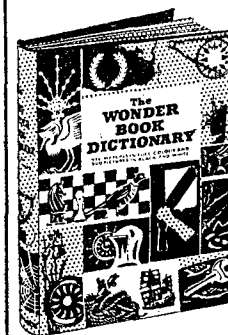
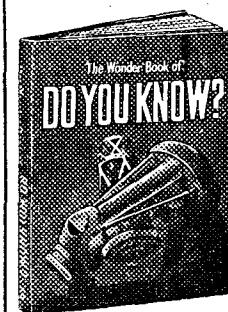
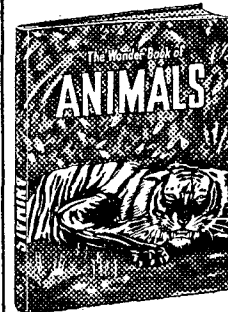
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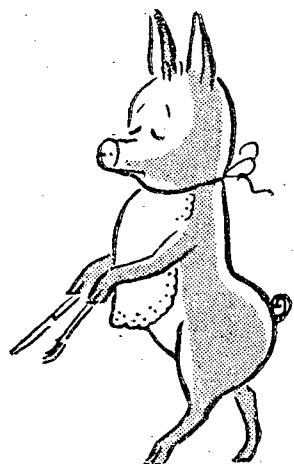
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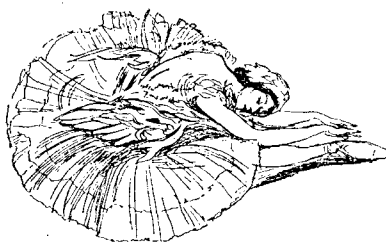
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In the Countryside in December

By the beginning of December the countryside has taken on its full Winter aspect. All the leaves are off the trees, or almost all, for very often individual trees keep their leaves for two or three weeks after their fellows have all lost theirs. A stout oak near my home often has leaves on it at the beginning of December.

This is therefore the season at

A few wild flowers survive into December, yarrow and hogweed among them, but there are some common weeds, such as groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, daisy, common field speedwell, and red dead-nettle that flower all through the Winter unless it is very hard. There is also the Winter heliotrope, a garden escape which has established itself



which our native evergreens come into their own. They include the Scots pine, the juniper, and the yew, which are conifers and bear their seeds openly between the scales of cones, instead of concealed in fruits like the flowering plants.

Native evergreens with normal flowers and fruits include the holly, the ivy, and the box, from which Box Hill in Surrey takes its name.

on many roadside banks in the southern half of England. Between November and February this has trusses of pleasantly scented lilac-coloured flowers, rather like those of the common butterbur. Its leaves are horse-shoe-shaped, recalling those of the coltsfoot.

The first half of December sees the arrival of the last of the birds from northern Europe that are going to spend the Winter with us.

Among them are the white-fronted goose, the goose which winters on the marshes near Peter Scott's wildfowl collection at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire; and the smew, a diving duck whose drake has a handsome black-and-white plumage.

After this there may be invasions of birds driven across the North Sea by hard weather on the Continent—skylarks and lapwings often arriving in January—but there are no more regular migratory movements till the return journey starts in February. The fieldfares, redwings, bramblings, rooks, starlings, ducks, and waders that have come to us mainly in October and November may move about the country in flocks according to the weather and the amount of food available; but there is no migration proper.

On mild days in December there may be a good deal of bird song. Robins, hedgesparrows, and wrens are always at it, but thrushes and skylarks often keep themselves in practice when December provides a sunny day.

Winter moths

I have only once seen a butterfly on the wing in December, and that was a peacock down in Somerset in the warm south-west. But there are several kinds of moth that fly regularly at this odd time of year. One, called the December moth, is a relative of the oak-eggar, and the drinker.

Most flies, of course, die or hibernate with the approach of Winter, but there is one group, the winter gnats (Trichodidae), which do not do this, but make themselves conspicuous by continuing to dance in little groups, even when snow is on the ground.

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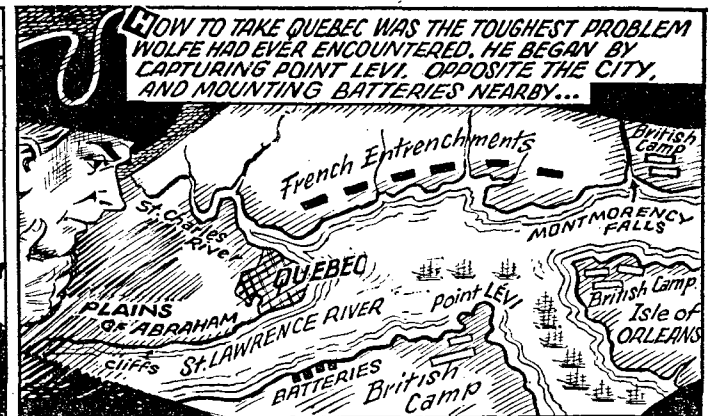
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THE CONWAYS TAKE COVER

by Geoffrey Morgan

Fergie and the Conways, investigating the strange circumstances surrounding the sunken aircraft, discover a wrecked boat where the plane lies. They believe Dr. Bredon is salvaging something from this, using the sunken plane as a "blind" to allay suspicion. They drag the river and salvage a piece of wood on which faded letters make up part of two words which they suppose were the name of the boat. Returning to the Mirelda, they realise they cannot solve the mystery until they have found the name, and Fergie suggests they put their problem to Mr. Thompson, the coastguard.

8. Visit to the coastguard

THE coastguard's cottage overlooked Sandy Point. It stood on a desolate, shallow cliff facing the sea, but was so situated that the windows at one end commanded a view of the buoyed approach to the river, together with

"It's no good knocking at his door, Fergie," he said, "before we know what we're going to say. We can't just spring the whole story on him without warning; he'll just take us for a couple of madcaps."

Fergie dismounted. "That's what's been worrying me all the way," he confessed. "I know the chap, but only slightly, and he's a down-to-earth type. If we tell him the whole story he's more likely to laugh at us than help us. We've got to admit it does sound a bit fantastic."

"Perhaps it does," Jerry agreed. "We've no proof that the plane crash was a fake—those markers on shore may be a coincidence—and we can't offer evidence that Dr. Bredon's salvaging something from a wrecked boat, but—we have proved there's a wreck there. Maybe we should have brought the bit with the letters on it and let Mr. Thompson examine it for himself."

"He might ask to see it, if he's that interested," Fergie said

line. No one could think there's anything odd about that. He'll want to know where we fished, and we can say off Gullmarsh Island, but we needn't say a word about Dr. Bredon."

Jerry nodded.

"And who knows," he said. "He might tell us something about the doctor that we don't already know."

With this decision finally reached they continued along the lane in a more confident frame of mind.

Meeting Mr Thompson

The lane ended just beyond the cottage and from there a rough track ran to the gorse-covered cliff-top. The garden and the rear of the house were sheltered by a neat hedge and a line of trees that formed a windbreak on the north-east side. The house itself was old but well preserved, with a lean-to garage that had been added in recent years.

They left their cycles at the gate, and Fergie led the way up the path to the front door. They had to wait a minute or two after the bell rang before they heard footsteps in the hall, and then the door was opened by a tall, middle-aged man in his shirt sleeves who looked down at them with questioning blue eyes.

"No trouble, I hope?" he asked, and then immediately taking his answer from the boys' expressions, his bronzed features suddenly relaxed in a pleasant smile. "Well, what can I do for you? I seem to know your face." He was looking at Fergie.

"Yes, sir," Fergie said. "I'm Bob Ferguson from Potter's Quay, and this is a friend of mine, Jerry Conway. We thought you might be able to help us identify a wreck."

Fergie explains

"A wreck? D'you mean a recent one? If it's in this area I should know it." He stepped back. "You'd better come in." He led them through the hall to a room at the end of a narrow passage which he apparently used as an office. There was a desk, filing cabinet, bookshelves, and a cupboard. On the desk were some papers, a green folder, and a telephone. Mr. Thompson motioned them to chairs and he sat behind his desk, inviting Fergie to explain.

"I think you should know the wreck, sir," Fergie began. "It must have been on the bottom of the river some time. But I hadn't got a note of it in my record."

"Record?" Mr. Thompson raised his eyebrows.

"I've always kept a kind of log book of details about the wrecks

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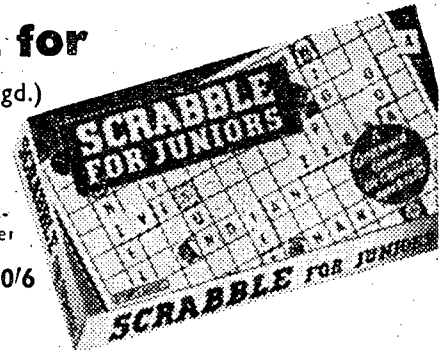
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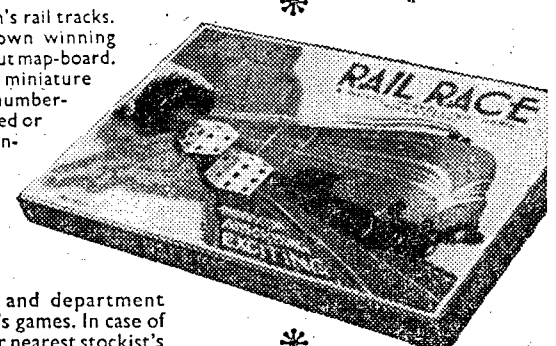
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The two boys watched as Mr. Thompson consulted a folder the low banks of the entrance itself, less than half-a-mile away.

Sandy Point was some four miles from Potter's Quay, and because of the long turn in the river just before it entered the sea, the shortest route to Mr. Thompson's cottage was by road. Fergie had suggested cycling. He had managed to borrow a cycle for Jerry, so Jane had agreed to finish the chores aboard the barge and spend the rest of the morning shopping in the village.

It had been a pleasant ride through the wooded, undulating country with no steep hills to force them out of their saddles, and now that they were approaching the cottage along the narrow, hedge-lined lane linking it with the fishing village of Sandford, neither Jerry nor Fergie had yet made up their minds how best to broach their subject to Mr. Thompson.

When they had little more than a couple of hundred yards to go, Jerry suddenly pulled into the grass verge by a meadow gate, signalling his friend to stop.

dubiously. "But in the first place all we're concerned with is whether he can identify the name."

Jerry nodded vaguely. He was gazing absently at a small fishing boat bobbing on the swell about a mile off shore. He turned slowly back to his companion, his eyes aglow.

"I know what we'll say—we were fishing," he announced. "It was your idea of an explanation on the river this morning, anyway, and it's true in a sense. We were just fishing—and we hooked up a piece of wreckage and the letters on it puzzled us. You then explain that one of your hobbies is listing all the wrecks in the river—you know, keeping records, that sort of thing; but this is one you've never heard about. Since you'd like to have more details you wondered if he knew the name and how the boat was sunk."

Fergie's expression shone with admiration.

"That's it, Jerry. That's the

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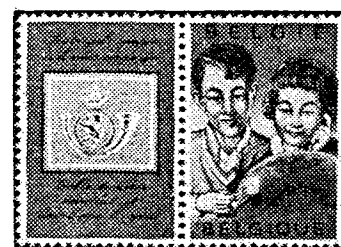
Pat on the back for collectors

Two countries, Belgium and Hungary, have recently paid tribute to the value of stamp collecting as a hobby for young people.

In Hungary the opening day of the National Stamp Exhibition in Budapest was celebrated as Stamp Day, with a special issue to mark the occasion.

The issue consisted of two different designs printed in pairs—the arrangement known to philatelists as "se tenant." On the left is a 2-forint stamp showing a girl writing a letter. She is wearing the peasant costume of the Hungarian province of Mezokovesd. Joined to each stamp is a 4-forint label which was also a ticket for admission to the Exhibition. Like the stamp, it is beautifully coloured in red, yellow, and brown.

Another move to encourage stamp collecting has been made by the Belgian Post Office. It has just issued a special 40-centimes stamp, also with a se tenant label, portraying two young collectors with a globe. The label has the Post Office



badge, a posthorn, the Lion of Belgium, and an inscription, in French and Flemish: "Collecting enriches and broadens the mind."

COLLECTORS who enjoy entering for competitions may like to know that the World Association of Young Stamp Collectors is holding an annual competition in memory of one of the Association's founders, Wilfrid Haworth.

Entries may consist of up to six

album pages of stamps telling the story of any country or any subject. "The Story of Cyprus" or "The Story of Aeroplanes" would make suitable entries and there are many other possibilities.

Any young collector, whether a member of the W.A.Y.S.C. or not, may compete and there are three age-groups, so that everyone has a fair chance. Full details of the 1961 Competition, closing date 31st January, may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. H. E. Pearse, 59 York Street, Twickenham, Middlesex. Please remember to send a 3d. stamp for return postage.

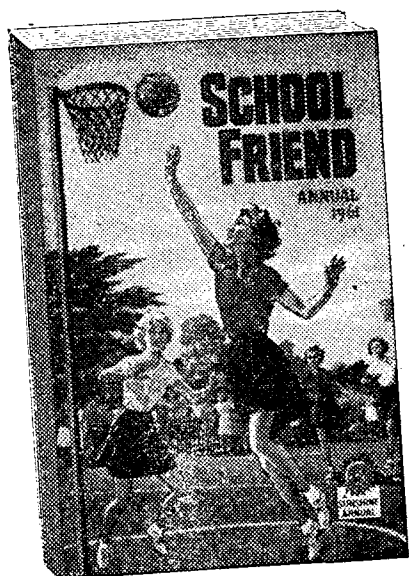
As Christmas draws near, collectors may like to know of some books which would make useful presents. Stanley Gibbons *Simplified Catalogue* (1961 edition, 22s. 6d.) is ideal for those who do not bother with minor varieties or perforations and watermarks. It lists 102,800 stamps of the world (with details of designs, colours, and dates of issue) and has 16,000 illustrations.

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THE CONWAYS TAKE COVER

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in the river," Fergie said innocently. "It's just one of my hobbies."

"Oh, I see. I keep a record, too, but it's not a 'hobby,'" Mr. Thompson chuckled loudly. "Go on, my boy. Whereabouts is this wreck?"

"Off Gullmarsh Island. We were down there fishing, and we hooked up a bit of the boat."

"Gullmarsh? Dr. Bredon's place. There was an accident there yesterday. A small aircraft piloted by one of the doctor's team came down on the water and sank. This wreckage you hooked wasn't a piece of that, was it?" Mr. Thompson smiled faintly.

"Oh, no, sir. We knew about that," Jerry put in. "The plane only just missed the Mirelda when it crashed."

"Mirelda?" Mr. Thompson frowned.

"Jerry and his cousin crew for Skipper Amos aboard the Mirelda," Fergie explained hastily. "She's a sailing barge, and they've brought her up to our yard for repairs."

The coastguard nodded, smiling at Jerry.

He took a folder from the cabinet and leafed through the papers inside.

"The piece of wreckage we have," Fergie went on, "has some letters on it. Part of two words that make up the name, we reckon." And he repeated the

letters slowly and with emphasis.

But Mr. Thompson could not identify the name or throw any light on the wreck. He consulted a thick folder and studied a large scale chart on which were marks representing a number of wrecks and other underwater obstacles, but he could offer no clue to the mystery of the boys' discovery.

"Where is this wreckage you've found?" he asked at length.

"Aboard the Mirelda," Jerry said.

"I'll be interested to see it," Mr. Thompson returned. "I think this calls for some investigation."

He rose and, thanking him, the boys moved to the front door.

"I'm very busy just now," explained their host, "but I'll probably be over at Potter's Quay in the morning. I'll pay you a call."

Jerry and Fergie congratulated themselves as they rode back to Mirelda. But their elation quickly changed when they went aboard the barge and heard Jane's news.

"I was only ashore about half-an-hour," she told them, "but when I got back our salvage had gone!"

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Samuel Snail versus society

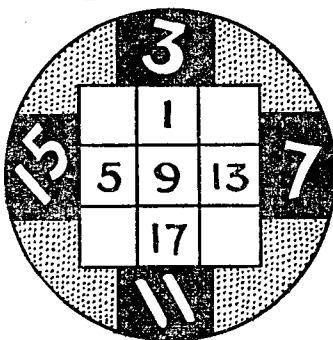
A BUSYBODY came and said "When Samuel Snail put out his head, 'You are too much alone, I'm sure. You need to mix with others more.'"

Said Snail, "You need to realise, My shell which all of you despise. To me is a quite priceless treasure. A cosy nest just made to measure. For when I meet a frightful bore I just pop in and shut the door. Good-day, dear Sir! You can't pursue. There simply isn't room for you."

WORD SQUARE

UP... and down dale
A notion
To rest against
Come ashore.

Figure it out



CAN you put the white figures into the squares so that no matter in which direction the figures are added, each line will total 27?

Clever me

WHENEVER I have homework, And ask Dad to do a sum, He always says "Ask Mummy," And looks so very glum! Then Mummy looks up in a dream— Pretends she cannot hear; Says, "Can you wait a little while— I'm very busy, dear!" Nobody can do the sums— It's very plain to see! Even Teacher doesn't know— 'Cos why should she ask me?

Parted partners

Below are the names of ten characters in fiction, but they have been incorrectly coupled. See how quickly you can unite husband and wife.

JOHN RIDD—DORA; Mr. Rochester—Dinah Morris; Professor Bhaer—Lorna Doone; David Copperfield—Jane Eyre; Adam Bede—Jo March.

CHANGED WORD

CAN you change the word CARD into LINE in only four steps?

THREE'S COMPANY

In this word puzzle (a) is a clue to a three-letter word which, with another letter added, gives the answer to (b). A further letter is added to make a five-letter answer to clue (c). Example: fee, feet, fleet.

Answers are given in column 5

- (a) Very warm.
(b) Multitude.
(c) Spirit.
- (a) Male sheep.
(b) Quantity of paper.
(c) Kingdom.
- (a) Employ.
(b) Poetic inspiration.
(c) Entertain.
- (a) Drink like a cat.
(b) Applaud.
(c) Fastener.
- (a) Raised edge.
(b) Fussily correct.
(c) Refracts light.
- (a) Centre of the solar system.
(b) Daze with a blow.
(c) A showy feat.

Currant cakes for Billy

"MUMMY, why don't we have those currant cakes any more?" asked Billy one day. "You've made only plain ones for some time now."

"Yes, you're quite right," said Mummy. "I keep forgetting to order currants from the grocer. Never mind. Currant cakes you will have tomorrow."

But on the following day Mummy quite forgot about putting the currants in the cake mixture, and it was not until she pulled them out of the oven that she remembered.

"Oh dear," she said to Billy. "I'm afraid it's plain cake again this week. I remembered to get the currants but I must have been dreaming when I was baking."

She thought no more about it until later that day when they

were all having tea. "Hmm," said Daddy with his mouth full. "These currant cakes are good."

"Currant cakes!" exclaimed Mummy. "They're plain cakes." Then she examined them. They were currant cakes! She looked at Billy. "Well, young man?"

"Oh, I just thought I would put some currants on for you," he said.

"But how did you do it?" "Oh, that was easy," explained Billy. "I stuck them on with glue!"

In mid-mouthful Daddy suddenly choked.

"What's the matter?" asked Billy innocently. "Did one go down the wrong way?"

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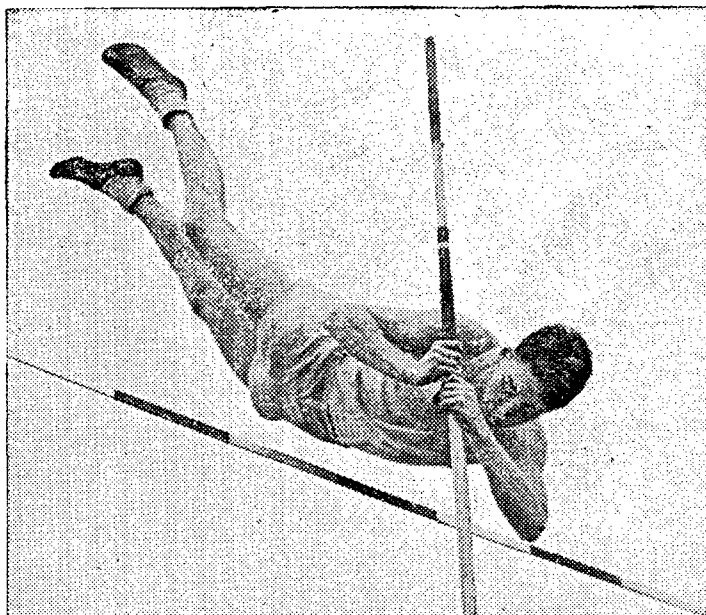
South Africans play the first international of their tour

WHICH team will be the first to beat the Springboks—that is, if they are to be beaten at all during their tour? It certainly looks as if none of the clubs or counties have the strength, stamina, or speed to bring the mighty South Africans to defeat.

On Saturday, however, the Springboks face their sternest test so far. They meet Wales at Cardiff in the first international match of the tour, and every rugby fan in the Principality is convinced that the Welsh XV is the only side capable of halting the South Africans' run of success.

Saturday's game will be the fifth meeting between these two great rugby countries, and the Welshmen have yet to record their first victory. The Springboks won in 1906, 1912, 1931, and 1952, and in these matches Wales scored only two tries, one in each of the last two games.

The wearers of the red shirts with the fleur-de-lys badge can be expected to give the tourists a tough fight, but the Springboks have already proved themselves one of the strongest sides ever to visit Britain, a side worthy of the title "world champions."



WELL AND TRULY OVER

Martin Higdon is the all-England Schools Champion at the pole vault and has already cleared over 12 feet—the only 17-year-old in the country to have done so. He is seen in action at Tooting Bec Athletics Ground, London.

BRITISH REFS ARE BEST

BRITISH soccer referees are still considered to be the finest in the world and three of them have been invited to take charge of matches at next Summer's international tournament in New York.

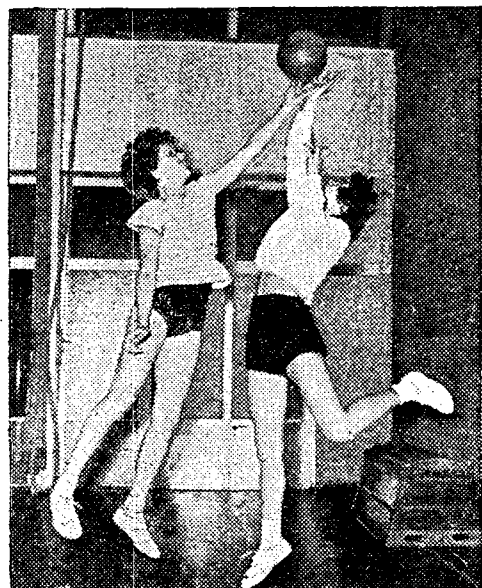
They are B. M. Griffiths, the Newport schoolmaster, who will come out of retirement to take the whistle again; Reg Leafe (Nottingham); and Arthur Ellis (Halifax).

The organisers of the American tournament have made this move because the refereeing at the first competition last Summer was of such poor quality.

POPULARISING TENNIS

IN recent years the Golf Foundation has done fine work in promoting and encouraging the game among young people in Britain. Now a Tennis Foundation has been formed.

The Foundation is composed of representatives of the various sporting bodies and sports goods manufacturers. One of its first tasks will be to increase interest in tennis in schools.



REACHING FOR IT

Two young members of London Olympiades Athletic Club—Anne Pickerell (left) of Wembley and Rita Brown of Willesden—finish off an evening's training in a school gym by having a game of netball.

TRAINING IN THE PARK

HAVE you ever wondered where hammer-throwers do their training? Running tracks are usually barred to them because of the risk to other athletes. And in London they are not allowed to practise in the parks.

Barry Thomas, one of London's best hammer-throwers, found training so difficult that eventually he wrote to Prince Philip. Now he has received a reply from the Palace saying that the matter is to be raised with the L.C.C.

So Barry may be training in the park next Spring.

FOUR-MINUTE MILE IN SOUTH AFRICA?

THE first four-minute mile in South Africa may be run at Port Elizabeth on Saturday.

The two men who hope to perform the feat are Harold Clark, who lives at Kimberley, and Terry Sullivan, of Rhodesia. Both have been training specially for the race.

Terry Sullivan has already run the mile in under four minutes; he did so when finishing behind Herb Elliott two months ago in Dublin.

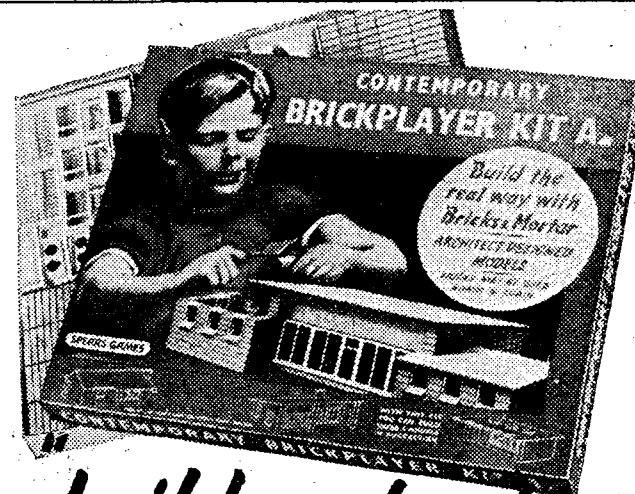
Herb Elliott runs cross-country for Cambridge

HERB ELLIOTT, the world's greatest miler and Olympic 1,500 metres gold medallist, will be appearing in his first important cross-country race on Saturday when he runs for Cambridge against Oxford in the annual event at Roehampton.

Elliott has appeared in the Cambridge team several times this term, and he is gradually mastering the technique of running on

British cross-country courses. Now that he is acclimatised he may prove himself to be as unbeatable over rough country as he has been on the world's cinder tracks.

Herb Elliott is in for a busy day on Saturday for in the evening he is to present the prizes at the cycling Best All Rounders and Champions Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, the great night of the year for cyclists.

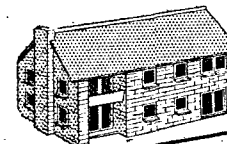


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